

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1 1. A method of retrieving CRL information, said method  
2 comprising:  
3 receiving a list of one or more servers where the CRL  
4 information is stored, the servers each having an  
5 identifier;  
6 determining which of the servers to contact based on  
7 the identifier; and  
8 selecting an access method to use to retrieve the CRL  
9 information based on the determined server  
10 identifier.
- 1 2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the access  
2 methods are selected from a group consisting of FTP,  
3 LDAP, and HTTP.
- 1 3. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the list of  
2 servers is retrieved from a digital certificate  
3 corresponding to a remote computer system.
- 4 4. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the  
5 determining further includes:  
6 comparing the identifiers corresponding to the servers  
7 with a current domain address; and  
8 selecting one of the servers in response to the  
9 server's identifier matching the current domain  
10 address.
- 1 5. The method as described in claim 4 further comprising:

2 selecting a fast access method in response to  
3 selecting the server with the identifier matching  
4 the current domain address.

1 6. The method as described in claim 4 further comprising:  
2 selecting one of the servers in response to the  
3 comparing not finding any server identifiers  
4 matching the current domain address; and  
5 selecting a secure access method in response to the  
6 comparing not finding any server identifiers  
7 matching the current domain address.

1 7. The method as described in claim 1 further comprising  
2 retrieving the CRL information from the determined  
3 server using the selected access method.

1 8. An information handling system comprising:  
2 one or more processors;  
3 a memory accessible by the processors;  
4 a nonvolatile storage accessible by the processors;  
5 a network interface connecting the information  
6 handling system to a computer network; and  
7 a CRL retrieval tool for retrieving CRL information,  
8 the CRL retrieval tool including:  
9 means for receiving a list of one or more servers  
10 where the CRL information is stored, the servers  
11 each having an identifier;  
12 means for determining which of the servers to contact  
13 based on the identifier; and  
14 means for selecting an access method to use to  
15 retrieve the CRL information based on the  
16 determined server identifier.

1 9. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 8 wherein the access methods are selected from a group  
3 consisting of FTP, LDAP, and HTTP.

1 10. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 8 wherein the means for determining further includes:  
3 means for comparing the identifiers corresponding to  
4 the servers with a current domain address; and  
5 means for selecting one of the servers in response to  
6 the server's identifier matching the current  
7 domain address.

1 11. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 10 further comprising:  
3 means for selecting a fast access method in response  
4 to selecting the server with the identifier  
5 matching the current domain address.

1 12. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 10 further comprising:  
3 means for selecting one of the servers in response to  
4 the comparing not finding any server identifiers  
5 matching the current domain address; and  
6 means for selecting a secure access method in response  
7 to the comparing not finding any server  
8 identifiers matching the current domain address.

1 13. The information handling system as described in claim  
2 8 further comprising  
3 means for retrieving the CRL information from the  
4 determined server using the selected access  
5 method.

1 14. A computer program product stored on a computer  
2 operable medium for retrieving CRL information, said  
3 computer program product comprising:  
4 means for receiving a list of one or more servers  
5 where the CRL information is stored, the servers  
6 each having an identifier;  
7 means for determining which of the servers to contact  
8 based on the identifier; and  
9 means for selecting an access method to use to  
10 retrieve the CRL information based on the  
11 determined server identifier.

1 15. The computer program product as described in claim 14  
2 wherein the access methods are selected from a group  
3 consisting of FTP, LDAP, and HTTP.

1 16. The computer program product as described in claim 14  
2 wherein the list of servers is retrieved from a  
3 digital certificate corresponding to a remote computer  
4 system.

5 17. The computer program product as described in claim 14  
6 wherein the means for determining further includes:  
7 means for comparing the identifiers corresponding to  
8 the servers with a current domain address; and  
9 means for selecting one of the servers in response to  
10 the server's identifier matching the current  
11 domain address.

1 18. The computer program product as described in claim 17  
2 further comprising:

